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Agricultural Literature.

Its Value to the Farmer-- Views of Mr. C. L. McManus, One of Lancaster's Progressive Farmers.

From the Southern Cultivator.

I notice that my subscription to the Cultivator has been out for some time and I am certainly obliged to you for continuing to send it to me, for I assure you that it is always a welcome paper to my fireside. I take, I believe, six agricultural papers, but when they all come together and my children hand them to me, they always pass me the Cultivator first. It is a grand old paper—a paper that should be in every farmer's house in the South. I do think that this is one of the saddest mistakes of our farmers in not reading enough, especially not reading enough good agricultural papers. You can always tell a man that reads good agricultural papers as the train passes his place, by the way he keeps up his ditches and terraces and the way he runs his rows. I think that this is one mistake that we cotton growers are making and that is this, when we organize a club of cotton growers we should organize a club of agricultural readers. I do not think a man could do his country better service than to canvass his country for some good agricultural paper. I will say this, and I think every man that has tried to organize his brother cotton growers as hard as I have, but will bear me out in this statement. You may talk about being white slaves for the past 40 years, but if you do not educate our farmers in some way we will be the hewers of wood and drawers of water for the next 40. I have noticed this wherever I have been; where you find an up-to-date country, you will find a reading people, or where you find an up-to-date farmer, you will find a reading farmer. I have not much time to lose with a fellow that does not believe in book farming, for life is too short to fool with; that kind of a man reminds me of the fellow who I once heard of on the railroad track, and after running four miles puffing and blowing, the engineer asked him why he did not get off the track, and his reply was "you want to get me off in the plowed ground so you can catch me."

There is one thing we farmers must do, and that is to have a stronger backbone and when our worthy leaders say hold our cotton, let us do it and not pay any attention to Mr. Price; it is a shame to let a man dictate to us the price of our cotton who knows nothing about the cost of producing it; but we can, by careful management and standing together, bring him to our door for his daily bread. We farmers have not forgotten the message that Mr. Price sent to us on December 19, 1904, when the slump of cotton came and the loss was to us \$15 to \$20 per bale on cotton. He said to us, you farmers of the South, hold your cotton if you dare and I will teach you a lesson in the future that you will

never forget. If this language does not raise the blood in every farmer's veins, I do not know what will. Let us farmers stand pat for 15c. for our cotton and we will teach Mr. Theodore Price a lesson that he will not soon forget. He has taught us how to make cotton for six cents per pound, and we are going to teach him that we can get 15c. per pound. The farmers have learned that there is a better way for them and by the living God we are going to travel it. We have been white slaves long enough. You can publish this letter if it is worth anything, and if not you can throw it in the waste-basket. Wishing you abundant success in the future, and thanking you for the list of agricultural books that you sent me last fall, I am,

Yours very truly,

C. L. McManus.

Lancaster, S. C.

The Confederate Monument.

The Appeal of the Daughters for the Ladies of Lancaster County to Contribute One Dollar, Each--Names of Those who Have Responded.

To our request for \$1.00 each from the ladies of Lancaster county in aid of the Confederate monument fund the response has not been so general as we had hoped for. Our appeal may have failed to reach many who are deeply interested. \$1.00 is a small sum, but when we consider the number of ladies in Lancaster county who are able to contribute \$1.00 each we feel that their contributions could aid us very materially in building the monument. Again we publish the list of all the ladies who have paid \$1.00, with additional names, hoping it may induce others to contribute.

Mrs. Eliza Witherspoon,	\$1 00
Miss Annie Witherspoon,	1 00
Mrs. Ira B. Jones,	1 00
" J. N. Crockett,	1 00
" J. M. Riddle,	1 00
" T. C. Hicks,	1 00
" A. R. Banks,	1 00
" M. R. McCardell,	1 00
" M. E. Cauthen,	1 00
" M. J. Perry,	1 00
" G. W. Poovey,	1 00
" W. P. Davis,	1 00
" T. S. Carter,	1 00
" Chalmers Fraser,	1 00
" Will Taylor,	1 00
" R. E. Allison,	1 00
" W. T. Vanlandingham,	1 00
" Edd Craig,	1 00
" Jane Edwards,	1 00
" N. C. Moore,	1 00
" Ada Hough,	1 00
Miss Olivia Emmons,	1 00
Mrs. James Hunter,	1 00
" Johnnie B. Bell,	1 00
" Leroy Springs,	1 00

M. E. Cauthen,

Treasurer.

L. C. U. D. C.

Miss Cornelia Dees is visiting her brother, Mr. W. C. Dees, of Lancaster.—Monroe Journal

Death of Mrs. J. P. Young

In the Prime of Her Young Womanhood the Eldest Daughter of Judge Ira B. Jones Unexpectedly Passes Away.

Mrs. Rosa Young, wife of Dr. J. P. Young, of Richburg, whose critical illness was noted in our last issue, died Tuesday afternoon. She was taken sick Friday of last week, but no alarming symptoms developed until Tuesday morning, a few hours before her death. Skilled physicians from Chester and elsewhere were in attendance, and everything known to medical science was done to save her life, but without avail.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Young cast a gloom over Lancaster, her old home. But few here knew of her illness, and when, therefore, the intelligence was flashed over the wires Tuesday evening that she was no more the entire community was profoundly shocked as well as deeply grieved, for she was known and beloved by all.

Mrs. Young was the eldest daughter of Judge and Mrs. Ira B. Jones, was born and reared in Lancaster, and was 27 years of age. After attending the schools of this place she entered Due West Female College, from which institution she was graduated with distinction. Later she took a post graduate course at the Presbyterian College for Women, in Columbia. In 1899 she was married to Dr. Paul B. Marion, a talented young physician of Chester county, who died a year or so afterward. About three years ago she married Dr. J. P. Young, of Richburg. Besides the bereaved husband, three children are left, one of them by the first marriage. Mrs. Young is also survived by her parents, Judge and Mrs. Jones, two brothers, Mr. Charles D. Jones, of the Lancaster bar, and Master Ira Jones, and two sisters, Misses Besie and Mayme Jones.

Mrs. Young was idolized by her loved ones and her untimely death is indeed a terrible blow to them. She was, in fact, a universal favorite. Of remarkably sweet and lovable disposition, modest and unassuming, cultured and accomplished and of strikingly attractive, magnetic personality, Mrs. Young naturally won the love and admiration of all with whom she came in contact. She was a consistent member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and took an active interest in religious and charitable work.

The remains of Mrs. Young were laid to rest Wednesday afternoon in the Union church cemetery, at Richburg, the solemn funeral services being conducted by the Rev. R. A. Lummus, of Richburg; the Rev. Paul A. Pressley, of Lancaster, and

the Rev. Oliver Johnson, of Edge more. A large concourse of relatives and sympathizing friends witnessed the impressive obsequies. Among those present were quiet a number of friends from Lancaster, Charlotte and other points.

An Appeal to the Alliance.

The Daughters of the Con- federacy Ask that the Ex- change Fund be Contrib- uted to the Monument Fund.

We, the members of "The Lancaster Chapter, U. D. C." as the most direct way of reaching the County Alliance, and its various Sub Alliances, send forth an appeal through the medium of The Lancaster News. Some weeks ago there was a statement in several papers that the State Exchange held funds belonging to the alliances which formerly existed in the Counties which would be divided, each county getting its pro-rata share; and later, the County paper gave the share of Lancaster to be \$595, (if I mistake not). This sum of \$595 was to be disbursed among the many Sub-alliances which formerly existed in this county. These alliances, and Sub-alliances are not now in existence. They have either been consolidated with other bodies, or other agricultural societies have been organized, and taken their places and these alliances and sub-alliances have really no definite purpose in view to which this money is to be applied. There is not enough of the whole amount to build a ware house, (of which there was some discussion,) nor would the pro-rata shares of the Sub-alliances be sufficient to enable each one to effect any very substantial aid elsewhere. We, the women of Lancaster, have worked diligently for the building of the Confederate Monument which we propose to erect here. While some of the gentlemen have contributed sums of money, and aided us by patronizing the dinners, festivals, bazaars, and the many enterprises gotten up in its behalf, there is comparatively little aid that we have so far received, and really it has been nothing to the drafts upon our patience and perseverance—You have this fund held for disbursement and could not find an easier way to aid us in increasing the monument fund than by contributing it. Besides the cause is as dear to you as to any one of us, and this money would very materially aid us—Lancaster has been forty years honoring the memory of her soldiers who enlisted. Their record is indeed worthy, and one to be well treasured and we want a monument which will be an honor to their heroism. Mrs. L. B. Foster,
Cor. Secretary.

Lancaster, S. C., March 21, 1906.

A Pleasant Reply

By "Paper Man" to "Patron" ---He Explains Why his First Article Relating to Postoffice was Written.

Mr. Editor: I notice in The News of March 21st, a few lines from my friend "Patron," and he goes on to tell us all about Mr. Hunter, as if there was something in my first piece about our honorable postmaster. Now I have known Mr. Hunter for some 6 or 8 years and he has always been a friend to me and I to him. I have never known him to be anything short of a high-toned gentleman.

I know he has a hard place to fill and is subject to more or less talk; but to put it like my friend Patron did, it is grumbling and he says it all was coming from those that receive very little mail, and that the poor fellow is to be pitied; and this writer is glad to know that he will receive pi y from some one at least.—The only thing I had in mind when I wrote my first piece was to seek information, and I have already received that, which is to the effect that our postmaster needs more assistance than he has had heretofore. And I have been informed that there is now a plan on foot looking to that end. I am very thankful to the parties that gave it to me, and the public now very well understand where the trouble is. With the growth of the population and the business together of the town of Lancaster for the last five years, to say nothing of the great increase of people and business at the Lancaster cotton mills, it does seem that the post-office department at Washington ought to give Lancaster more attention than it has. It seems that notwithstanding the increase of their work at the post office they have received but very little assistance, if any at all, at the hands of the department at Washington.

I hope that the proper officers will keep on pleading with our friends at Washington until we get a new post office and more help for our postmaster, in the way of more assistance in whatever way it is needed.

So I join in with The News in asking Mr. Finley what he has done or is he going to do anything at the present term of Congress to get a better post office at Lancaster.

Now with the best wishes for The News and my friend, "Patron," I will consider this matter closed, unless the writer is forced to write again, which I hope will not be the case, but I will always be ready to stand up for the right in all cases.

Paper Man.

March 22, 1906.

Messrs Hyde, of Charleston; McDonald, Winsboro, and McFadden, of Chester, were among the visiting lawyers in attendance upon court here this week.